Paripath development schemes for Chardham in Uttaranchal

†4941. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched a number of 'Paripath' development schemes for development of places of historical and cultural importance;

(b) whether Government have included the 'Chardham Marg' in the said 'Paripath' development schemes for facilitating Chardham Yatra Yamnotri-Gangotri-Kedarnath-Badrinath Pilgrimage in the State of Uttaranchal and for providing additional facilities for the pilgrims; and

(c) if so, the amount allocated for the year 2002-2003 and the details of works to be undertaken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being drawn up for "Rejuvenation of Culturally Significant Cities" during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The schemes is yet to be approved by the Planning Commission. The details of the scheme will be known only after the Planning Commission approves the scheme. As regards the selection of cities and amount allocated to each city from different States is concerned, it would be decided in consultation with the State Governments, after the scheme is finalised in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Unauthorised constructions in DDA flats

4942. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flats which have been cancelled by the DDA for unauthorised constructions/additions/alterations and later restored during the period from 1st June, 2000 to 30th June, 2001;

(b) whether Government are aware that a number of flats which have been restored, still have unauthorized constructions and fall within the five categories of illegal constructions notified by his ministry through public notice in June, 2000;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(d) whether Government have identified such flats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The DDA have reported that allotments/leases in respect of 160 Nos. of flats were cancelled during the period from 1.6.2000 to 30.6.2001; and allotments were restored in 9 cases consequent upon removal of unauthorised constructions during the same period.

(b) to (d) It has been reported by the DDA that out of the 9 cases where allotments/leases were restored, there are unauthorised constructions in 3 flats in Pocket 3, Sector 8, Rohini, Delhi and action has been initiated under the terms of lease.

Proposal to absorb surplus staff of other departments as JEs in CPWD

4943. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per recommendations of Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC), CPWD propose to absorb surplus staff of other departments as JEs by over looking the experienced candidates in CPWD itself;

(b) if so, the reasons and the justification therefor;

(c) whether the number of Draughtsman in CPWD would also be reduced by promoting them as JEs; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) There is no such recommendation by the Expenditure Reforms Commission. However, in accordance with Department of Personnel and Training's orders *vide* OM No. 2/8/2001-PIC dated 16.5.2001, a Screening Committee has been constituted in the Department for filling direct recruitment vacancies and for the current year, this Committee has cleared 650 vacancies of Junior Engineer(C) and 150 of Junior Engineer(E) for recruitment. However, these vacancies are to be filled up only after obtaining a 'No Objection Certificate' from the Surplus Cell of the Department of Personnel and Training.